

TEXAS TOWNS

HEARNE.

Hearne, Texas, May 15.—Mrs. J. J. Dixon of Denver, Colo., is here visiting mother, Mrs. H. Dixon. Rev. P. McCleskey went to his church with his people Sunday. Pastor John Jones was with his people Sunday. Hearne High school boys played Carr's game was called on account of rain, scored were 1 to 0 in favor of Hearne.

St. Emanuel choir gave a reception Monday night in honor of Miss Tammie Stamps, a graduate of the high school faculty and friends were out a nice time was had.

Mr. Charlie Miles buried his daughter, Bettie, Monday. She was married and living in Houston. Deceased leaves a husband, mother and father to mourn her loss.

High school will close this week with three exercises. We had a nice rain for several days. Prof. Jno. Palk and Mrs. J. A. Foward entertained the high school royally Friday on their visit to Carr.

TAYLOR.

Taylor, Texas, May 15.—The heavy rain Sunday greatly interfered with religious worship. During the past week this section was visited with heavy rainfall, retarding farm work, but a great benefit to growing vegetation. A few weeks of sunny weather would be much appreciated.

Rev. I. W. Maczey is being installed as pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist church.

Mr. Lewis Adams is erecting a handsome residence on his home place in the Oklahoma addition.

The remains of Mrs. Laura Adams reached here over the M. & T. Ry., from Waco, Thursday. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Mt. Airy Baptist church of which she was a life long member. Rev. L. A. Weaver of Terrell conducted the obsequies.

The reporter acknowledges receipt of invitations to the graduating exercises from Misses Beale Knight, P. V. Industrial College, Marquette, Hendricks, Jarvis Industrial College, Hawkins, Texas, and Zephiah Taylor the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. These young ladies are held in highest esteem and the best wishes of their numerous friends go with them.

Mrs. L. V. Murphy returned from Van Vleet where she taught the past eight months and closed a very successful term. Mrs. Carrie Herrington is here for a few days visit from Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Henrietta Simmons returned from San Angelo, where she attended the hospital of a very sick sister, Mrs. Maggie Adams of Hearne, in the care of Mr. William Wright and family.

Mrs. Hannah Hooks has returned from San Antonio.

Mrs. B. F. Arnold returned from Dallas.

Mr. Robert Babbs of Thornhill was here Saturday.

LONGVIEW.

Longview, Texas, May 15.—Mother's Day was the special feature at St. Mark C. M. E. church Sunday. The congregation was composed largely of mothers. The sermon delivered by the pastor on this occasion was a master piece. The singing by the choir was excellent.

Rev. A. P. Cockay, pastor of Bethel Baptist church after a few days' illness was at his post Sunday reports good service.

Rev. W. O. Boyd, P. E., of the Tyler Baptist church held his second quarterly meeting here with Bethel A. M. E. church 11th and 15th. Rev. U. S. Franks, P. C., reports that the conference was a success both spiritually and financially.

The Odd Fellows held their annual services here Sunday with Galilee Baptist church. Prof. S. S. Willis, principal of South Side school was order of the day.

Mrs. P. A. Andrews left for New Mexico. Carpenter W. H. House has returned in Chandler, after spending a few days here with his family.

This city schools will begin their sessions here the 15th and 16th. There will be 15th of June celebration here in the Union Grove. Rev. J. O. Norton, P. E., of 3rd Street Baptist C. M. E. church will hold his second quarterly meeting here on the 15th and 16th inst. with St. Mark C. M. E. church. Miss Othella Beckwith of Thompson is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Lora Jenkins.

DENTON.

Denton, Texas, May 15.—The Denton club met with Mrs. Albert Perry Friday evening at two courses luncheon was served.

The St. Mark's club met with Mrs. Henry Williams last week. A luncheon was served.

Rev. T. S. Hines will have his talk on the 15th Sunday in June over the radio.

Mrs. Elsie Orin will be returned from Mississippi where she has been visiting her sister.

Mrs. M. S. Dolan will be won the prize in the spelling bee of the Baptist church.

Mr. George Nelson left Tuesday for Jefferson on business.

Mr. Charlie Fow was in Paris Sunday.

Mrs. Everett Brown and Mr. Everett Madry left Saturday for Tulsa, Okla.

A. R. Richard Madry is improving his residence.

Mr. W. B. King, editor of the Dallas Express, was here Thursday night making a report of the Dallas Express and lectured at Bethel Baptist church. He is indeed a great speaker. He had a large crowd out to hear him.

Mrs. Louis Bennett was in Fort Worth last week.

Mr. W. L. Keighan is on the sick list and Mrs. Leath Bedford.

Mr. J. W. Canney was in the city last week.

The high school ball team played a game with Sherman, scored 2 to 0 in favor of Sherman.

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FACTS AND FANCIES ABOUT PHILIPPINES.

By Maximo M. Kalaw.

Secretary of The Philippine Mission.

Washington, May 15, 1919.

A certain lady at the St. Louis Exposition saw at a ball room a brown complexioned man clad in faultless evening dress, and accosted him with the inquiry, "I suppose you are Japanese, sir?"

The man addressed replied, "No, madam."

"Then you must be Chinese," she said.

"No, I am not; I am a Filipino," he replied.

"How's that?" asked the lady. "I thought they were all natives living in the woods."

"Well, I'll tell you how I came here," he said. "A month before I left the Philippines, I was living in the woods, but the American Governor decided to catch as many wild men as possible, train them, and send them over here. So the American forces were immediately set in motion, we were taken from the woods and kept for a month at the Governor's palace, taught how to dress and speak a little English, and then sent over here. So here I am, just as you see." And the St. Louis lady actually believed him.

That is what you would call fancies about the Philippines. The fact is, however, that the 10,000,000 Filipinos and their ancestors have been civilized for Christians for three hundred years; that the non-Christian population, according to the census of 1918, is only 500,000.

Another fact is that not until the coming of the Americans were school buildings seen in the islands, roads built, or substantial houses erected. Do you know that for hundreds of years the Filipinos have had colleges and schools, and that the University of Santo Tomas is only twenty-five years older than Harvard?

That as early as 1866, out of a population of 4,000,000 people, there were 841 schools for boys and 833 for girls. That in 1892, eight years before the coming of the Americans, there were 2,137 schools.

To grant self-government to Luzon under Aguinaldo would be like granting self-government to an Apache reservation under some local chief. Thus spoke the Governor of the United States during the Philippine-American war. Exaggeration could be an excuse at a time when the dignity of the American people demanded the extinction of Filipino opposition; but do you know that the Philippine Republic before the American occupation of the islands, had the approval of prominent Americans who were on the spot, like John Barrett, Director of the Pan-American Union, who compared it favorably with the Japanese Government.

Admiral Dewey considered the Philippines better fitted for self-government than the Cubans. That they had drafted a Constitution at Malolos which elicited the approval of distinguished Republicans like the Senator George F. Hoar. That before the coming of the Americans they had produced national heroes like the martyred Jose Rizal, who has been proclaimed by an Austrian writer, Ferdinand Blumentritt, as the greatest man the Malay race has produced, and pronounced by a Republican Congressman, Representative Cooper, as the noblest victim that has ever fallen into the clutches of tyranny.

Possibly the geographical situation of the Philippines and something to do with the financial estimate the St. Louis lady had. The Philippines are just next door to Borneo, where scientists have hunted in vain for Darwin's missing link between the monkey and the supermonkey. They are close to Java, where the small country of Holland has ruled for hundreds of years through a system of native princes and royal families steeped in medieval ideas of government. Further east in India with her teeming millions, divided up into scores of native states and by almost impassable caste barriers. But do you know that the Filipinos have not had for hundreds of years any caste system, blood distinction, or royal families, and that, unlike their Oriental sisters, they are the only Christian people in the world.

People have pictured an ignorant mass of Filipinos, illiterate, poor, living a life of servitude for the few wealthy land owners and foreigners, with no houses and farms or property of their own. Do you know that seventy per cent of the people above ten years of age can read and write, and that this percentage of literacy is almost as high as that of the United States? That it is higher than in any country of South America, higher than the literacy of the Spanish people, and unquestionably above that of any of the new countries recognized in Europe? Do you know that there are a million and a half farms in the Philippines, and that ninety-six per cent of these farms are owned by Filipinos? In other words, that out of the ten million Christian Filipinos, eight million of them at least live on their own farms, with homes of their own, independent of any absentee landlord or foreign master? That ninety-one per cent of the urban property consisting of houses and lands is owned by the natives of the Philippines and only nine per cent is in the hands of foreigners? Yet these facts which have just been cited by the Philippine Governor-General, Elmer Venter to the War Department from the recent census estimates.

The Philippine legislature recently sent a special mission to the United States to request the fulfillment of America's promise to grant independence. It is their plea that the specified condition precedent to the granting of independence—the establishment of a stable government—is already fulfilled. Their representations are indeed in every particular by Francis Burton Harrison, who has been the American Governor-General in the Philippines for six years, and is in a position to speak from actual observation.

"By temperament, by experience, by financial ability," says Governor Harrison, "in every way the ten millions of Filipinos are entitled to be free from every government except of their own choice. They are intelligent enough to decide for themselves."

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